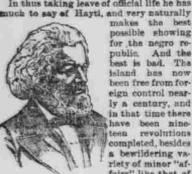
DONE WITH PUBLIC LIFE.

Frederick Douglass, the Colored Orator and Politician, Betires from Office. The Hon. Frederick Douglass has resigned his place as minister to Hayti, and announced that he is done with public life The president, he adds, has not asked for his resignation or found any fault with his action in Hayti, but he feels that he is getting too old for active service in any field, and wants to pess his few remaining years in quiet with his children and grandchildren.

In thus taking leave of official life he has much to say of Hayti, and very naturally makes the best possible showing



ly a century, and in that time there teen revolutions ompleted, besides a bewildering va fairs" like that of FREDERICK BOUGLASS. May 28 last and

following. President Hippolyte is "very firm," says Minister Douglass, and will not tolerate anarchy. To prevent it he had his soldiers shoot down all men found in the streets after the order had been given for all to retire to their homes.

In the meantime the exiles of the oppo-sition are organizing in Jamaica. Foreigners living in Port au Prince are furnishing money to those insurgents, and the chances are that in a few months there will be another civil war in Hayti and a fright-Yellow fever is also prevalent. The United States naval officers there confirm all this, and add that the Mole St. Nicholas would have been ceded to the United States pursuant to the promise made by Hippolyte when he was fighting for the presidency, if a white man had been sent there as

Frederick Douglass was born in February, 1817, in Talbot county, Md., his mother being a negro slave and his father her owner. He was taught to read and write by another slave, worked in a shippard in Haltimore and suffered many privations according to his own account in "My Bondage and My Freedom." In 1838 he escaped to Massachusetts, where he mar-ried, and soon became prominent as a speaker at antislavery meetings. In 1845 he went to Europe and made a brilliant tour as a lecturer against slavery. In 1847 he located in Rochester, N. Y., and began the publication of Fred Douglass' Pa-per, afterward The North Star. His

friends had meanwhile paid his master the sum demanded and secared his freedom. In 1870 be began to edit The New Na-tional Era at Washington, and has since held the offices of United States marshal and recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia, and various minor po-Washington is now his home, and he lives in good style, having married a white woman after the death of his first wife and acquired a competency

A LONG WIDOWHOOD ENDED.

After Nearly Fifty Years Mrs. Polk Follows Her Husband to the Grave.

The eighty-eight years of Mrs. James K. Polic's life were spent entirely in the state of Tennessee except when at Washington Carolina in her youth. Her attachment so "I once had a strong prejudice against her native state was peculiarly strong and the building of small colleges, but I am rewas repaid by the veneration of every citi-



SARAH CHILDRESS POLK.

men of it. As long as her health and strength permitted, it was a custom of the Tennessee legislature to call on her in a his life was in constant conflict with himbody and pay their respects once each year. body and pay their respects once each year. Her parents were Captain Joel and Elizabeth Childress, and she was born at their

residence, near Murfreesboro, on the 4th of September, 1808. At an early age she was sent to the Moravian institute, at Salem, N. C., and obtained there a very thorough education. At the age of nineteen she was married to James Knox Polk, then a membur of the Tennessee legislature. The next year he was elected to congress, and continued to represent the same district through fourteen consecutive sessions, only retiring in 1839 to become governor of Tennessee. Mrs. Pelk was with him in Washington every winter but one, and occupied a very honored position in the society of that city.

As mistress of the White House she in-

troduced a slightly stricter regime than had previously prevailed, dancing being discontinued and other changes made, but the American people enthusiastically approved of her course. She united with the Presbyterian church early in life and was ever a consistent observer of its rules. June 18, 1849, the ex-president died and her long widowhood began. She suffered great losees during the war and was in such straitened circumstances that the old boniestead was in danger of being sold, when Congress granted a pension of \$5,000 per year to each of the widows of presi-dents.

Turns Taxes Into Tronsers.

Young Prince Albert of Thurn and Taxis, In Germany, is reputed to be the best dressed man in Europe. His wardrobe is really remarkable for its lavishness, and he turns the taxes of his realm into trousers, as it were.

The fact that the poet Whittier has given up his favorite walks in the woods is regarded as a new indication of his physical decline. He is overeighty, and his eyesight and hearing are quite defective.

to have been the Baron Erwin Schonstein, formerly a millionaire and the last mem-ber of a distinguished family.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clong to Casteria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

AMERICAN VERSATILITY.

AS ILLUSTRATED BY THE CAREER OF JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

First a Lawyer, Then a Poet, an Agita-Lust a Bereaved Old Man.

The recent death of James Russell Low-ell, a man who in his time had "played slow to reward. He sent Mr. Lowell as many parts," cannot but direct attention to the fact that American men of letters are not as a rule writers solely and dis-



MR. LOWELL AT THIRTY-FIVE. round a graceful period.

be another civit war in Physical School on the population is allowly decreasing. A vast majority of the people are in mourning and there are people are in mourning and there are the people are in the people are the people a Fitz Greene Halleck lived on his salary as a clerk in the office of John Jacob Astor. Then he turned his face to the wall and The Abbotts were clergymen, and the Adamses have stamped their individuality on public affairs since the days of the colonies. Thomas Bailey Aldrich began life as a clerk in a New York counting house. George Bancroft, the elder Hawthorne, Bayard Taylor, W. W. Astor and Bret Harte figured in political affairs. Andrew Carnegie was an ironmaster ere be was an author. Samuel L. Clomens was a printer. a river pilot and several other things before he became Mark Twain and wrote "The Innocents Abroad." Holmes is a physician, and Bellamy is a lawyer.

The list might be extended almost in-

definitely, but enough instances are set down to sustain the proposition that versathat those who shine as literary stars of the first magnitude have capabilities beyoud the realms of phrase turning and nized this, and was himself one of the best of modern examples. He started out in life with certain views that experience and a widened horizon induced him to modify or totally abjure. When a Harvard student he wrote his first poem and devoted many of its lines to satire of the aboli-Later on these abolitionists-Emerson, Gliddings, and so on—became his closest friends, and in his verses be exalted

these whom he had formerly debased, Then, too, as a graduate of a leading university, he was wont to have small regard for the lesser educational institutions. But as the years went by this preju-dice was supplanted by other convictions, as witness the following extract from an address delivered by him not many years n at Washington ago at the opening of a new college for school in North girls at Bryn Mawr, near Philadelphia: minded that they are of great use as semi-naries of culture. We'are too apt in America to take credit for education. I have been taken to task for saving hard things about the culture of America. I don't khow what good a man is to his country unless he talls the truth about it. I don't know what good a country is to a man if n't bear to have the truth told about GENERAL DYRENFURTH, moisture," it. Once I said universities were places where nothing useful was taught, but I have qualified that. Some say that their use is to help a man as a breadwinner, but show that light rains often start from it I don't believe that. My opinion is that und are vanorized in the dry belt stratum what he learns there is not that which below and so sent up again. Hence the makes him any the better or worse as a breadwinner but it will be the stratum of the belter or worse as a breadwinner but it will be the stratum of the stratum o brendwinner, but it will act as a sweetener | ploding in the moist stratum.

der fortunate conditions. He possessed theory, and secured a small appropriation money, brains and ambition. So when he for experiments. Aside from the felt that he had made a mistake in choos- of rain, however, many valuable observaing the law as a profession he was able to tions will be made by scientific men con-abandon a rather meager practice without nected with the expedition, testing the efany fear as to the bread and butter conse- feets of concussion on the air. From time es. Freed from all financial cares, writing and fell in love. The lady of his the weather, but scientists have never choice had decided views on public ques-tions, and perhaps it was owing to her influence that Lowell for the remainder of making rain, General Dyrenfurth intends



MR. LOWELL WHEN MINISTER TO ENGLAND. self. His inclinations were those of the existing struggle may be gleaned from

these verses, of which he is the author:

In studying Lowell's works, particularly those in rhyms, one is struck with snother proof of capacity for growth. His earlier poems show that he had read closely and with admiration the writings of Byron and Southey. Yet even then the devotion of a student to his literary masters disappeared on the demands of strong emotion, as is shown by his passionate appeal when his

God I do not let my leved one die, But rather walt until the time

That I am grown in purity
Esough to enter thy pure clime:
Then take ma. I will gladly go
So that my love remain below.

With the publication of the first series of the "Bigiow Papers" Mr. Lowell assumed a prominence that was his until the day of his death. He had up to then been known only as a writer and an editor. He succeeded Longfellow later on as a professor in Harvard college, traveled abroad, rethe Magazine, issued a second series of the "Biglow Papers" as a commentary on the civil war, poured forth his views and observations in prose and rhyme, and during

the two decades ending with 1875 may be said to have covered every field of composition. Then, baving achieved repute as poet, satirist, essayist, critic and platform orator, Mr. Lowell laid aside his pen for a season and turned his attention to another tor, a Satirist, an Essayist, a Lecturer, phase of American activity. He went into politics, made stump speeches, was chosen a presidential elector from Massachusatta and cast his vote for Rutherford B. Hayes.

minister to Spain, and three years later transferred him to the English mission. It was particularly at London that the poet diplomat showed his ability to do other things besides make rhymes. Although he had no momentous or knotty questions to handle, he distinguished him-self as a high bred, courteous and competent representative of the American republic. On a previous visit he had been made D. C. L. and LL. D. of Cambridge. During his term as United States minister the students of the University of St. An drews elected him lord rector. But parties rise and parties fall, so when Mr. Cleve land assumed the presidential chair Mr. Lowell prepared to abandon politics as cheerfully as he had taken them up. He went to Washington and introduced himself as a man "with his head under his arm" who had come to save the services of

The remainder of his years were spent chiefly in well earned case. He lectured some, traveled and wrote, but not so eagerly and voluminously as when life was at its heyday. His first wife died nine years after marriage. His second wife was his tinctively. In some, and often in many companion for twenty-eight years. Then ways, they come in touch with the more she, too, died, and in his old age the man material activities of life and are able to do | who had made his mark in prose and poeother things than to polish a sonnet or to try, at the college professor's desk, on the lecture platform, in politics and diplomacy saw with indifference the lamp of ambition A number of names suggest themselves ficker and disout. His first poem brought as examples of this purely occidental versayet he was giad to go, "Why can't you let an old man die!" he asked his daughter. his soul went forth on the wings of a sigh



THE LOWELL BOMESTEAD. Rest had come to the restless, and the brilliant and busy brain was naught but FRED C. DAYTON.

TRYING TO MAKE RAIN. Some Experiments That May Prove Suc-

cessful. General Dyrenfurth has exploded his experimental bombs near Midland, Tex., and rain has followed. It was a fairly good rain, too, and came but twelve hours after the experiment. But of course one such experiment proves nothing, especially at a season when rain is likely to come at any

The general himself is not at all confident, but thinks the trial will result in great gain even if it proves the negative, for there is a widespread belief that artiff-



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The main diffi

culty lies in the

Senator Farwell, of Illinois, was the Mr. Lowell began his manhood life un. first states man to take any interest in the immemorial sailors and farmers have inbeen able to prove their theory false or true. But us to the theory of concussion be artificially produced, but "not in paying quantities," as miners say. We can

only wait. According to a recent census bulletin the production of coal in the states of West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, Georgia and North Carolina is reported for 1989 at 11,649,306 short tons, valued at \$10,-943,089. The production for the same states at the tenth census was 3,469,336 short tons valued at \$4,110,162. The increase of quantity and decrease in ton value are the two facts worthy of notice.

An Old Time Minstrel. The oldest negro minstrel in America-with one exception, is said to be Paul Ber, ger, the turnkey of a Philadelphia police station. He is now sixty-five years, and is still noted for a melodious bass voice. In his prime he sang before Presidents Van Buren and Polk at private audiences.

Echinococcus, bred in man by the kiss of conservative and aristocrat. His judg- a dog, is the newest malady, both human ment set his feet in the path trod by the and canine. "Love me, love my dog," is all common people. Some inkling of the ever | well enough, but if the discoverer of echinococcus is right this affection, to be safe, must be kept outside of labial limits.

> Her Attraction. Clara-Charlie Jackson prefers blond Laura-Indeed! I am quite a brunette,

you know, and he is always very attentive Clara-Probably because your income is fair.-Munsey's Weekly.

How & Woman Should Exercise.

A women who has pold great attention to this important subject says water and air are the best tonics and beautifiers. For bathing surposes she recommends long mittens made from Turkish toweling. At right the nittens should be put in a wash-bowl of water in which a little fine sait has been disso ved. On rising to the morning wring out the mittens, put them on and rub the whole body briskly. Dry on a towel, not too coarse, and dress quickly.
Then go out of doors, if only for five minutes. Walking is the best exercise. If you cannot walk half a mile at first walk a quarter; weep on stretching the distance until you can walk tures or four miles without frigue. Fresh air will put a good color in the face, and when the health is good and the thood circuit as freely the nerves will be all right - St. Paul Pioneer

All the bells of heaven may ring. All the birds of heaven may sing. All the wilds of earth may spring. All the winds on earth may bring all sweet sounds together: Sweeter far than all things heard, Hand of harper, tone of bird. Sound of woods at sundawn stirred.

One thing yet there is that none Hearing ere its chime be done Knows not well the sweetest one Heard of men beneath the sun,

Fills a child's clear laughter. Golden bells of welcome rolled Never forth such notes, nor told Hours so blithe in tones so bold As the radiant mouth of gold Here that rings forth heaven;

Laughs a child of seven. -A. G. Swinburne in Church Quarterly Re-

THE CRADLE BARS THE WAY.

Cannot Enter the Domain of Politics. Be it pleasant or unpleasant, it is none the less an absolute truth—the raison d'etre of a woman is maternity. For this and this alone nature has differentiated her from man, and built her up cell by cell and organ by organ. The continuance of the race in healthy reproduction, together with the fit nourishment and the care of the young after birth, is the ultimate end of woman as such, and whatever tells against these functions and reduces either her power or her perfectuess is an offense against nature and a wrong done to so-

fice altogether, and to dedicate to other services a life which has no sympathy with the sex of humanity, that comes into her lawful list of preferences and discords But neither then nor while she is one with the rest, a wife and mother like others, is she free to blaspheme her assigned functions; nor to teach the young to blaspheme them; nor yet to set afoot such undertak-ings as shall militate against the healthy performance of her first great natural duty and her first great social obligation.

only; that enfranchised women will conlight claimed for them by their adherents, and not, on the contrary, add their own shriller excitement to the men's deeper

Nor must we forget that the franchis for women would not simply allow a few well conducted, well educated, self re specting gentlewomen quietly to record their predilection for liberalism or conservatism, but would let in the far wider flood of the uneducated, the unrestrained, the irrational and emotional-those who know nothing and imagine all-those whose presence and partisanship on all public questious madden already excited

We have no right to suppose that human nature is to be changed for our benefit, and that the influence of sex is to become a dead letter because certain among us wish it so. What has been will be again. In the mirror of the prophet, which hangs behind him, the Parisian woman of the revolution will be repeated wherever analogous conditions exist, and to admit women into active participation in politic will certainly be to increase disorder and add fuel to the fire of strife.-Mrs. Lyan Linton in Nineteenth Century.

seen at a dinner party given by a hostess noted for her taste and originality. The cloth, which was of the finest damask, displaying a design of ferus, the center figure being an exquisitely drawn wreath of the fronds, while the border was formed of sprays of the most delicate maidenhair variety, had been ordered of a great linen house in Belfast, with special reference to the decoration of living ferns, intended to be used for "a summer dinner party."

The table was circular, and in the middle

stood one of the giant tulip vases now so fashionable. This graceful receptacle was filled with the loveliest and rarest speci mens of ferns, the spreading, feathery fronds reaching far over the heads of the assembled company, and forming, as it were, a verdant tent through whose interstices shone the electric lights of the chandelier. No candles, no flowers were used, but each silver dish was surrounded by a during the service of the course

All the crystal ware was exquisitely engraved with ferns, while the Dresden china service gave the one touch of warmth and color with its pure rose and gold tints. An ideal dinner decoration was the universal comment, and far more effective than the elaborated floral banquets which have prevailed during the past season.-Boston Herald.

Somebody wrote and asked me to define a firt. It seems unnecessary when the dictionary meaning is worded in such terse Saxon terms. There has been some degree of fascination tossed about the word by a perversion of its meaning, but it is quite time to apply it only in its true sense, and the appellation is far from being a com-Do you want to act a lie? Then flirt.

Do you care to lose the modest charm of manner which is woman's best heritage and man's too infrequently found attribute? Then play at love.

your heart is beating with happiness? Then cheat some one into giving you true regard for falseness.

If you would be womanly, my woman reader, or manly, my noknowa questioner. give your esteem to all who deserve it, your friendship to those who are your true friends, and your heart's warm, earnest e to one man or to one woman, and let it be unsuffied by the flirtations which many count in triumph on the fingers of both their hands.-Toronto Globe.

Distances Lond, Etc. "Don't you like to hear some one singing on the water far away?" she asked. "Yes," he murmured, "far away."-Life



Sis-Athelstane, I am unhappy. wus a blond -- Life

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when the body is warm, providing no time is lost in getting into the water. Avoid chilling the body by sitting or standing undressed on the banks or in boats

after having been in the water. Avoid remaining too long in the water but leave the water immediately there is the slightest feeling of chilliness. The vigorous and strong may bathe early in the morning on an empty stomach. The young and those who are weak had better bathe in two or three hours after a meal, the best time for such from two to three hours after breakfast. Those who are sub-ject to attacks of giddiness or faintness, and those who suffer from palpitation or other sense of discomfort at the heart, should not bathe without consulting their medical ad-

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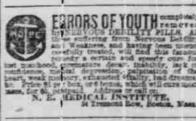


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nephew Mark needed to start for Califor ma when afflicted with the gold fever. Mark's brother Moses kept a store where ready made clothing was sold, a novelty in After marrying Mark Hopkins and set tling in California, Miss Sherwood was lost to Great Barrington people for a long ime. After the death of Mr. Hopkins, the widow, who, with her sister, Mrs. Crittanden, had inherited the Kellogg Terrace house, moved back to Great Barrington and remodeled the mansion for a summer

residence.

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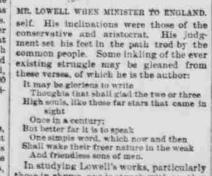
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If the golden crested wren
Were a nightingale—why, then
Something seen and heard of men
Might be half as sweet as when

A Woman Tells Why a Wife and Mother

If she chooses to decline her natural of

The cradle lies across the door of the polling booth and bars the way to the senate. We can conceive nothing more disas-trous to a woman in any stage of maternity, expectant or accomplished, than the heated passions and turmoil of a political contest; for we may put out of court three fallacies-that the vote, if obtained at all, is to be confined to widows and spinsters tent themselves with the vote and not seek after active office, and that they will bring into the world of politics the sweetness and

Ferns on a Dinner Table.

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